



March 6, 2023

Senator Cory McCray  
Maryland State Senator  
James Senate Office Building  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**Re: SB0646 – Facilities Funding for Public Charter Schools**

Dear Senator McCray:

I hope this letter finds you healthy and safe. My name is Cynthia Jacobs, and I am the School/Community Advocate and Program Coordinator for Baltimore Teacher Network (BTN). We are a nonprofit organization and the Operator of a charter school (ConneXions: A Community Based Arts School) that serves over 500 students and 70 teachers. I am writing in favor of the SB0646 legislation for more funding in our schools. We are in need of additional funding for the following internal and external repairs necessary for our students and teachers to cohabitate in a safe, high – functioning learning environment. The following repairs are needed in our school:

- External system updates
- Update all bathrooms in the school
- Black top pathing of potholes
- HVAC system
- New flooring throughout the school
- Painting and building structure updates to the auditorium (walls, doors, floors, chairs)

Thank you in advance for your support of this bill.

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